GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1589
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2015
125th Birth Anniversary of B.R. Ambedkar
Kataria Shri Rattan Lal

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to declare all the memorials related to Dr. Ambedkar as national heritage if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to acquire 11 acre of land known as Chaitanya Bhumi, the final resting place of Dr. Ambedkar and build a memorial of Dr. Ambedkar on this land;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and

(e) the present status of Dr. Ambedkar House in London purchased by the Government recently?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): Yes. Madam, the Government is commemorating the 125th Birth Anniversary year of Dr. Babasaheb B. R. Ambedkar w.e.f. 14th April, 2015 to 14 April, 2016. The Government has established a National Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to provide guidelines, advice and decision to the yearlong celebration in a befitting manner.

(b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): The Chaitanya Bhumi is already under the possession of the State Government of Maharashtra. The adjoining land of Indu Mill has been transferred to the State of Maharashtra for building a Memorial of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

(e): The Government of Maharashtra has purchased the house at 10, King Henry road in London, where Dr. Ambedkar completed his higher studies.